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Title :Need to include Panchganga river at Kolhapur, Maharashtra in the National River Action Plan with a view to provide potable drinking water to the local people. – Laid.

SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR) : My constituency in Kolhapur, Maharashtra is located on the banks of river Panchganga. The people of my constituency of Kolhapur city and hundreds of villages on the bank are dependent on Panchganga river for drinking water purpose. However, this river water is heavily polluted due to insufficient drainage facilities of Kolhapur city. The river water oxygen content as per recent study is zero and BOD is 110 Mg/l. All marine life is slowly getting destroyed.

My repeated attempts to draw the Central Government's attention towards this serious problem have not brought any positive results. The national river action plan has included river Krishna in the plan. Panchganga river is a major tributary of river Krishna and, therefore, inclusion of Panchganga river in the national plan should have been logical.

The revised proposals have been submitted to the Planning Commission by the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation. I request the Central Government to kindly sanction plans and make life of people in my constituency bearable by providing potable drinking water. This is possible only if the plans of Kolhapur Municipal Corporation are accepted and provision is made to include expenses in the Tenth Plan.

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